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December 25, 2011

**St. Clare of Assisi**

31622 US HWY 6, Edwards, CO 81632

**St. Mary's Church**

215 Capitol Street, Eagle, CO 81631

**Beaver Creek Chapel**

Beaver Creek, CO



Nativity of the Lord  
La Natividad del Señor



# December 25, 2011 THE BIRTH OF OUR LORD



## CHRISTMAS 2011 – IN THE BEGINNING WAS THE WORD...AND THE WORD BECAME FLESH

Dear people...Merry Christmas! Today we celebrate the Feast of our Redemption. God has blessed us with faith, with hope and with charity. We are indeed a blessed people, who commemorate the Son of God who became flesh in the womb of Blessed Mary...and the world has never been the same.

This December 25<sup>th</sup> celebrates Jesus...and this day is a miracle within a miracle. It is no wonder that the "stork" story is a convenient alternative for young children. If you stop and think about it, the miracle of birth makes about as much sense as any absurd story we have ever heard.

The birth of Jesus is even more difficult to comprehend. We encounter angels and wise men and a blazing star in the night sky. We stand breathless before a crib that contains an infant child who is simultaneously the creator of the Universe. We reel with the knowledge that He was before the beginning of time and will be after the end of all time. His power crosses all the dimensions of space. It races ahead, beyond the galaxies to the farthest star and on into infinity.

May your Christmas be filled with memories, hopes, dreams and thanksgiving for the Gift and the promise and hope He engenders. Peace be with you! (Excerpts from CELEBRATION, 12-25-11) **Msgr. Bob Kinkel**

**CHRISTMAS MASSES ON TV** The Archdiocese of Denver's "TV Mass for Shut-ins" will air one Hour Christmas liturgies by Fr. Larry Christensen in English on Dec. 25th from 8-9am on Colorado Public Television CPT12 (available via Comcast, Direct TV, Dish and over the air, all on Channel 12/12.1) Msgr. Jorge de Los Santos will celebrate Spanish Mass from 8-9am Sun. Dec 25th on Azteca America Colorado (Comcast Chan. 15/Dish/Direct TV 27, and Digital 7.2). [www.archden.org/tvmass](http://www.archden.org/tvmass)



## SOLEMNITY OF THE NATIVITY

We were arguing when it happened. We were keeping the night watch in the fields. The new hire, the one who just got out of one of Herod's prison dungeons, started leading the sheep away from the water. But we wanted to spend the night there, drinking wine and telling stories about our good times up north in Jerusalem.

And all of a sudden it wasn't night, and it wasn't day. It was just LIGHT, everywhere LIGHT. And this Angel was standing right in the circle where we'd been arguing. We were terrified. Somehow we heard this Angel speak. And

our fear just fell away as we heard about this Baby, this Savior, who had just been born just three miles away in Bethlehem.

And then! The sky was filled, from every corner, with these HUGE, BEAUTIFUL messengers of LIGHT. And oh, the music. Try to imagine the sweetest sound you've ever heard, coming from LIGHT in every corner of the sky.

*Glory to God in the highest! And Peace! Peace! Peace!*

We don't remember running. We couldn't stop until we found Him. He was there, this heavenly Child, lying in a manger in the back of a barn. We shouted out what had happened in the skies, and what we had learned about Him. And we knelt in front of this Child and His mother. And nothing will ever be the same.

As we left we saw the Beautiful Mother gazing at the Child, and we wondered what she was seeing. She was quiet as we walked away. What mysteries of your own life do you "ponder in your heart"? Kathy McGovern c.2011 [www.thestoryandyou.com](http://www.thestoryandyou.com)



## NEW ST. CLARE SUNDAY MASS TIMES

Please note the new Sunday Mass time at St. Clare's is at 8:30am in English and 12:30pm Spanish Mass

## GRIEF RECOVERY OUTREACH PROGRAM

This 12 week program will begin on Wednesday, January 11th 6-8pm

Eagle Public Library (small conference room)

Sign up for the second series is now beginning.

For further information call

Celynn McClarrinon at 970-376-8248.

## The Carpenter's Gift: A Christmas Tale about the Rockefeller Center Tree

Here's a bit of great historical fiction, but it carries a powerful truth. It also affirms the work of many housing programs that helped the poor and Habit for Humanity, in particular. It's a great story that starts in the depression day and ends today. It is not surprising that Joseph of Nazareth was a carpenter too. *The Carpenter's Gift: A Christmas Tale about the Rockefeller Center Tree.*



## NEW YEAR'S MASS SCHEDULE

### Saturday, December 31

#### New Year's Eve

4:15pm	Mass	Beaver Creek Chapel
5:30pm	Mass	St. Mary's
7:00pm	Spanish Mass	St. Mary's

### Sunday, January 1 New Year's Day

8:30am	Mass	St. Clare
8:30am	Mass	St. Mary's
10:30am	Bilingual Mass	St. Mary's
12:30pm	Spanish Mass	St. Clare
12:30pm	Mass	Beaver Creek Chapel
5:30pm	Mass	Beaver Creek Chapel

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING**



**Those who are ill**

Cheryl McQuaide, Diany Marriaga, Bill Hahn  
Lena Yost, Wilma Medina, Elizabeth Downes,  
Miles Collett, Betty Paxson, Freddie Nordstrom,  
Jacobi Wilson, John Hartley, Dana Segretto, Jan Connors  
Pat Gooch, Eleanor Butters, Julia Boggs, Coral Fleming,  
Madeline Waldron, Catherine Lavins, Dorothy Kenlon,  
Florence Dawson, Tibor Baranski, Tiffany Myers,  
Denise Lipp, Sylvia Meyer, Scott Cromie, Bekkem Barela,  
Ignacio Archibeque, Bill Sargent, James Shirley,  
Arnetta Eaton, John Harakal, Steve Olmsted, Robert Foley

**Please pray for the repose of the souls of our faithful departed especially** Josephine Ciampa, Stanley Popeck Jack & Helen Banner, Louis Phannenstiel, Jonathan Hyatt **To include names, for Mass Intentions or Mass Cards please call the parish office at 970-926-1070.**

**WEEKLY READINGS**

Sunday: Vigil: Is 62:1-5/Acts 13:16-17, 22-25  
Midnight: Is 9:1-6/Ti 2:11-14/Lk 2:1-14  
Day: Is 52:7-10/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18  
Monday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Mt 10:17-22  
Tuesday: 1 Jn 1:1-4/Jn 20:1a, 2-8  
Wednesday: 1 Jn 1:5--2:2/Mt 2:13-18  
Thursday: 1 Jn 2:3-11/Lk 2:22-35  
Friday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3  
Saturday: 1 Jn 2:18-21/Jn 1:1-18  
Next Sunday: Nm 6:22-27/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21

"For today in the city of David a savior has been born for you who is Christ and Lord. And this will be a sign for you: you will find an infant wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger." - Lk 2:11-12

**PARISH ACTIVITIES**

**Sunday**

8:00 am Rosary St. Mary's  
8:30 am Coffee & Donuts St. Mary's  
(second Sunday of the month after Mass)  
9:15am Coffee Social after Mass St. Clare's

**Monday**

5:30-6:30pm Blessed Sacrament Adoration St. Mary's

**Tuesday**

6:00pm RE K-6th Grade St. Mary's  
6:00 pm Choir Practice for 8:30am Mass St. Mary's  
7:00pm Parish Council St. Mary's  
(meets second Tuesday of the Month)

**Wednesday**

6:15am Men's Prayer Group St. Mary's  
6:00pm Choir Practice for 10:30am Mass St. Mary's  
7:00 pm Knights of Columbus St. Mary's  
(First Wed. of every Month)

**Thursday**

6:00pm 1st Communion Class St. Mary's  
7:00pm Confirmation Class St. Mary's

**MONTHLY**

**1st Thursday 7pm** Mother's Group St. Mary's  
**2nd Tuesday 7pm** Parish Council St. Mary's  
**2nd Thursday 6:30pm** Baptismal Prep Class, St. Mary's  
6:00-7pm Community Supper  
Edwards Chapel  
**Last Thursday 7:00pm** Women's Guild, St. Mary's  
(Except Dec. June & July)



We are grateful to those who gave for our Christmas Poinsettias, Wreaths & Trees throughout the parish.

The following are names of **MEMORY** that we hold in our hearts during this Christmas Season.

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|-------------------------|------------------------|
| All Aborted Children    | George Moritz          |
| Sharol Carath           | The Rivette Family     |
| The Cianciaruso Family  | Larry Roska            |
| The Countryman Family   | Sara Ann Rusinko       |
| The Gersich Family      | Robert & Catherin Ryan |
| Rose Gonzales           | Serapio Sandoval       |
| Don Hagen               | Aunt Pat Skura         |
| Margaret & Duncan Kelly | The Sobczak Family     |
| Jake Kochera            | Frances Sansosti       |
| Rich LeVesque & Family  | The Stauber Family     |
| The Mills Family        | Veronica               |

We apologize is we misread or misspelled any of the above names.

**PARISH SUPPORT**  
**WEEKEND OF 12/18/11**

Beaver Creek	Sat.	4:15pm	1597.00
St. Mary's	Sat.	7:00pm	1118.00
St. Clare's	Sun.	8:00am	3986.00
St. Mary's	Sun.	8:30am	3824.00
St. Mary's	Sun.	10:30am	1046.00
Beaver Creek	Sun.	5:30pm	3491.00
St. Clare's	Sun.	12:30pm	1491.00
			<b>TOTAL \$16,553.00</b>

**LOCAL PARISHIONER SEEKING TENANT**

If any parishioners who know of a single person seeking housing. Studio Apartment with private entrance in Edwards. The unit is unfurnished, utilities included. Contact the parish office at 970-926-1070.

**Prayer at Christmas**



Lord, on this Christmas Day, in the midst of the joy of our celebrations, help us recall what is truly important about this day. In the midst of opening presents, help us remember the love that each gift represents.

In the midst of Christmas dinner, help us remember that you are the source of all life. In the midst of family gatherings, help us remember that you are the fullness of all joy.

And in the midst of Christmas Mass, help us remember the supreme act of love, sacrifice, and humility that we celebrate on this Christmas day when your Son came as a helpless, unknown baby and grew to be the life and light of the world. **AMEN**

Ministerio Hispano Parroquias  
Sta. Clara y Santa Maria  
DICIEMBRE 25 DE 2011



Feliz  
Navidad

Despedida del Año 2011 / Programa de Educación Religiosa Sta. Clara y Sta. Maria



## EDUCACION RELIGIOSA

### QUE SON LAS POSADAS

Las posadas son un medio para preparar con alegría y oración nuestro corazón para la venida de Jesucristo, y para recordar y vivir los momentos que pasaron José y María antes del Nacimiento de Jesús; son fiestas que tienen como fin, preparar la Navidad. Comienzan el día 16 y terminan el día 24 de Diciembre.

Nos unimos a La Virgen y San José con un sincero deseo de renunciar a todo lo que impide que Jesús nazca en nuestro corazón.



Catequistas, niños y familiares,  
temngan todos  
felices Vacaciones

### RECONCILIACION

#### SANTA MARIA, EAGLE

Sábados de 6:00 p.m. a 7:00 p.m. y Lunes de 5:00 p.m. a 6:30 p.m.

#### SANTA CLARA DE ASIS, EDWARDS

Todos los Jueves de 7:30 a 8:30 p.m.

### BAUTIZOS

#### PROXIMOS BAUTIZOS

- En Santa María, Eagle: Sábado 14 de Enero a las 4:00 p.m.
- En Santa Clara de Asís - Edwards: Domingo 22 de Enero, a las 2:00pm.

#### BAUTIZOS MES DE FEBRERO:

Por este mes solamente en Santa Clara de Asís, Febrero 19 a las 2:00 p.m.

MES DE MARZO: No Bautizos en este mes, por motivos de la Cuaresma.

#### CONTACTO PARA HACER UNA CITA PARA ENTREVISTA:

- Oficina: (970) 328-3003
- Carmen Fragozo (970) 688-1490

#### REQUISITOS PARA PODER BAUTIZAR:

2. Llevar a la entrevista fotocopia del Acta de Nacimiento del niño (a).
3. Fotocopia del Acta de Matrimonio Católico de los padrinos si son casados.
4. Si los padrinos son solteros, presentar fotocopia del Certificado de Confirmación.
5. Dirección y teléfono de los padres y padrinos.

**NOTA:** Para poder bautizar, tanto los padres como padrinos deben participar de cuatro Misas dominicales antes de la fecha del Bautizo (El Sacerdote les entregara una tarjetita de asistencia después de cada Misa).

## HORARIO MISAS FIN DE AÑO

### SANTA MARIA, EAGLE

Sábado 31 de Dic. 7:00 p.m

### SANTA CLARA DE ASIS, EDWARDS

Domingo 1 de Enero 12:30 p.m.

## HORARIO MISAS REGULARES

### SANTA MARIA, EAGLE

Sábados a las 7:00 p.m. (Español)

Domingos a las 10:30a.m. (Bilingüe)

### SANTA CLARA DE ASIS, EDWARDS

Domingos a las 12:30 p.m. (Español)

Venta de Biblias y Rosarios después de la Misa



## NATIVIDAD DE NUESTRO SEÑOR JESUS

**Juan 1:1-5, 9-14** Las imágenes de ver y escuchar continúan en el evangelio. Juan nos dice que vemos y escuchamos al verdadero Hijo de Dios, Jesucristo, la Palabra hecha carne. El vino como uno de nosotros para que nuestros ojos humanos vean, amen y le den la bienvenida. Jesús viene a estar con nosotros, a enseñarnos sobre su Padre y a hablarnos del reino de Dios.

¿Qué podemos hacer para mostrar a Jesús que lo amamos y le damos la bienvenida? Podemos adorarlo. Podemos hablar con él, contarle nuestras esperanzas y sueños. Podemos tratar de ser gente que lleve su paz y su luz y gozo dondequiera que vayan.

### PREGUNTAS PARA DIALOGAR

Uno de los temas del evangelio es luz. ¿Cómo la luz "revela" lo que hay en la oscuridad? ¿Dónde hay oscuridad en el mundo? ¿Dónde hay luz?

Cuando alguien habla, sus palabras pueden revelar como es. Algunas veces llamamos a Jesús "Palabra de Dios". Encuentra algunas frases en este evangelio.



# ST. CLARE OF ASSISI CATHOLIC SCHOOL

December 25, 2011

“Celebrating 12 years of Catholic Education in the Vail Valley”

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### Non-Discrimination Statement

St. Clare of Assisi School is under the jurisdiction of the Archbishop of Denver and the direction of the Secretariat of Schools for the Archdiocese of Denver. St. Clare does not discriminate on the basis of gender in its admission policy, treatment of students or employment practices. St. Clare does not discriminate against students of any race, color, national or ethnic origin and admits everyone to the rights, privileges, programs and activities made available to all students. St. Clare does not discriminate in its education policies, its admission policies, its scholarship and loan programs or its athletic and other administered programs.



### STAFF & TEACHER WISH LIST

The following are items needed by St. Clare Catholic School, St. Mary’s Preschool or our Churches. Anything that you can give towards these would be greatly appreciated.

#### ST. MARY’S CHURCH

- 85 New chairs & chair caddy \$2,500
- New carpet for church \$2,800

#### ST. CLARE CATHOLIC SCHOOL

- \*Gifted & Talented Art Program—\$1500.-
- \*Monthly 1/2 page ad to market School—\$375./month

For more information, please contact Kathy Spangler at (970) 390-8515.

*MERRY CHRISTMAS  
FROM  
THE FACULTY,  
STUDENTS AND FAMILIES  
OF ST. CLARE OF ASSISI  
CATHOLIC  
SCHOOL*



## **\$250,000 MATCHING GIFT CHALLENGE ST. CLARE SCHOOL**

Two of our school's benefactors recently offered us a challenge. If we raise **\$250,000** by December 31st, they will match up to that amount dollar for dollar. To date \$223,000 has been raised. If you would like to make a donation, or if you have any questions, please contact Kathy Spangler, Director of Development at 970-390-8515 or at [kbspangler@yahoo.com](mailto:kbspangler@yahoo.com) Please consider a year end, tax deductible contribution to our School. Thank you for your generosity. St. Clare is a 501(c) (3) non-profit organization.



### **MARDI GRAS BALL 2012**

**Saturday, February 4, 2012 at the Ritz-Carlton Bachelor Gulch**

If you would like to attend the 2012 Mardi Gras Ball, please take advantage of this limited time offer.

**For the month of December, the Mardi Gras committee will be offering tickets at the discounted rate of \$100.**

**This is a savings of \$25 per ticket.**

**Visit our website today and purchase your tickets at [www.vailmardigras.org](http://www.vailmardigras.org)**  
On behalf of St. Clare of Assisi Catholic School and the Vail Christian High School, we thank you for your prayers and for your financial support!



On Behalf of the staff and volunteers of the  
Religious Education Programs  
we wish you and your family

**Merry Christmas Everyone!  
And  
Happy New Year**

Religious Education classes are on Christmas break,  
Classes will resume, January 3rd and 5th.  
Best wishes in this Christmas time  
"May the Glory of the Nativity fill your hearth with Joy"  
Have a Blessed Christmas.

The Office of Faith Formation

### **'Catholics Come Home' TV Campaign coming to Colorado**

***Begins this Saturday, Dec. 17***

An unprecedented opportunity for evangelization is coming this Christmas. **From Dec. 17 through Jan. 9**, "Catholics Come Home" will launch a nationwide television ad campaign aimed at those who have been away from the Church as well as those who might be interested in joining the Catholic Church. Read more about it, and how you can support the effort, in this week's Denver Catholic Register (pg. 3) at [www.archden.org/index.cfm/ID/7210](http://www.archden.org/index.cfm/ID/7210). Read Bishop Conley's column, "The New Evangelization," on page 2 of this week's Register or click here: [www.archden.org/index.cfm/ID/7307](http://www.archden.org/index.cfm/ID/7307)